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PENNSYLVANIA VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

HARRISBURG --- Contracted production for Pennsylvania processing sweet corn in 1999 is estimated at 20,060 tons, up 12 percent from last year's 17,920 tons. Area for harvest is estimated at 3,400 acres, up 21 percent from last year. Expected yield is 5.90 tons per acre, down from last year's yield of 6.40 tons.

Contracted production for processing tomatoes is expected to total 40,320 tons, 19 percent more than the 33,800 tons contracted in 1998. Harvested acres should total 1,600, which is 300 acres more than a year ago. Average yield per acre is expected to be 25.20 tons, compared to last year's yield of 26.00 tons per acre.

Contracted production for Pennsylvania snap beans in 1999 is estimated at 15,960 tons, compared to 8,100 tons in 1998. Area for harvest is estimated at 5,700 acres, up from 3,700 harvested acres in 1998. Expected yield is 2.80 tons per acre, up from last year's yield of 2.19 tons per acre.

United States' sweet corn processing plants expect to take in 3.2 million tons, down slightly from last year and 5 percent below 1998. Area for harvest, at 442,200 acres, is down 4 percent from last year and 5 percent below 1997. The average yield is projected at 7.17 tons per acre, up from last year's yield of 6.96 tons per acre.

Tomato canning contracts call for 11.5 million tons of tomatoes this year, up 23 percent from last year and 16 percent more than 1997. Area for harvest, at 347,750 acres, is up 17 percent from last year. The average yield is 33.18 tons per acre, a 6 percent increase from last year's yield.

Snap beans contracted production totaled 730,950 tons, up 5 percent from last year and up slightly from 1997. Area for harvest, at 190,730 acres, is up 2 percent from last year and 2 percent less than 1997. The average yield is expected to be 3.83 tons per acre, slightly above last year's yield of 3.71.